Leonardo da Vinci

There once lived a man so **enchanted** by life that he couldn't stop studying it. Even as a young boy, he was **entertained** by the way animals moved, and was amazed by nature. He grew to be an artist, a scientist, and an **inventor**. His name was Leonardo da Vinci.

Have you heard of this man? Even if you don't recognize him, you will probably recognize his famous paintings, the Mona Lisa and the Last Supper. The **extent** of his work included other pieces of art and sculptures, a great understanding of how the human body worked, and even plans for a flying machine and a bicycle. This is even more amazing when you find he lived 500 hundred years ago. The first airplane wasn't made until nearly 400 years after his death! He was truly a man ahead of his time.

Leonardo lived in Italy, and was born near the town of Vinci. This is where he got his surname, "da Vinci." He **remained** in Italy all his life, though he lived in different cities. He trained as an artist, and then worked as an artist and engineer for a wealthy family in Italy. Leonardo filled thousands of pages in many notebooks with drawings and writings. The **contents** of these notebooks **explained** in great detail the things he saw, and the plans he had. He was **intent** on understanding the way nature and science worked. Leonardo **wanted** some of his writings to stay secret, so he sometimes wrote in a special code that only he could understand.

Leonardo's thoughts and creations went far past what others were thinking and making during his lifetime. He's a man who never **squandered** an opportunity to learn. His beautiful art and incredible inventions live on, so we can continue to appreciate his great mind today.

Lesson 86 | Vocabulary Quiz

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    A. Someone who creates something for the first time
    B. A thing that is created for the first time
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    A. Made something difficult to understand
    B. Made something clear and easy to understand
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    A. Stuck in a place
    B. Felt nervous
    C. Captivated, captured by a place, person, or idea

4. Entertained
    A. Helped someone
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5. Extent
    A. What is not included in something
    B. What is included in something
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6. Squandered
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    B. Used something in a good way
    C. Used something incorrectly

7. Wanted
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   A. Fiction
   B. Poetry
   C. Nonfiction

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   B. Michelangelo
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3. Where does this story take place?
   A. France
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7. Which of these is NOT a masterpiece by Leonardo?
   A. Starry Night
   B. The Last Supper
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8. How did Leonardo keep some of his ideas secret?
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